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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: **OHKURA, Ryoichi et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1746

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Commissioner for Patents
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March 10, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **January 14, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.